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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE
(UPS/USPS-5)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of United Parcel Service: UPS/USPS-5, filed on April 4, 2000.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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TO INTERROGATORY OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE**

UPS/USPS-5. Provide a copy of DM-109 or other predecessor manual, handbook, directive, or other document that was in effect in FY 1998 which set forth the process that was then used to verify that Parcel Post mail actually received from a mailer matched the information about it contained on the postage statement provided by the mailer.

(a) Was each piece counted and examined in the verification process?

(b) If the process was done on a sampling basis, explain in detail how the process was performed, including a description of how the sample was selected.

Response:

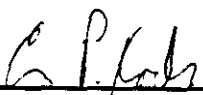
The requested manuals have been provided as USPS-LR-I-298.

a – b. The verification of a non-identical Parcel Post mailing followed the procedures outlined in Publication 401 (Guide to the Manifest Mailing System) provided in USPS-LR-I-298 and used sampling techniques described therein.

For identical pieces not entered under the Manifest Mailing System, in accordance with DM-102, mailer piece count was verified by weighing one piece and dividing the total weight of the mailing by that unit weight.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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